

HONG KONG Nov. 21 (Via Victoria B. C.) D. 10.—John W. N. Baynes, a sailor of the American cruiser New York, who killed a Japanese child and injured another Japanese while he was running amuck in the lower quarter of Hong Kong on September 1 has been sentenced

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History of a Typical Damage Suit.

After twelve years of litigation the city of Alameda has finally paid a citizen \$5000 damages for the loss of his wife who was killed by an electric light wire belonging to the city. It is stated that the costs of litigation, attorneys' fees, etc., have practically eaten up the amount recovered. The case is interesting because it presents a story that is constantly being repeated.

Although the woman was killed on the street by contact with a "live" wire, the city denied legal liability for her death. Twice the case was carried to the Supreme Court of the State, the judgment of the lower court being each time reversed. As the question of liability had been determined against the city by the court of last resort the only thing left for another trial to decide was the amount of damages that should be awarded.

After fighting the bereaved plaintiff to the last ditch the city tendered him \$5000 and he accepted the tender. He might have recovered a larger sum by going to trial, but experience had chilled his hope if it had not exhausted his resources. Twelve years' fighting in the courts takes the heart out of a man.

The case is typical. We do not pretend to say whether the city's resistance to the claim was justifiable or not. At least there must have been a grave doubt as to the liability of the municipality, some radical dispute as to the facts. But it is nevertheless true that the plaintiff was held off for twelve years from collecting a claim to which the city finally confessed liability. The payment affords little or no compensation, however, for the expense of establishing the claim after years of litigation had practically eaten up the award. It does seem that such cases should be adjudicated to a conclusion more speedily and at less expense.

When private corporations litigate damage claims of this character for years there is a loud outcry about the courts being used to evade responsibility and defeat justice. The facts of the case or the points at issue are seldom examined by the public. The masses always sympathize with the plaintiff, for his grief and loss appeal powerfully to human sensibilities. The public sees on one side a rich corporation and on the other a poor, grief-stricken man asking justice. Indignation is always aroused by the sight of such a suppliant held in the meshes of a lawsuit for years and years, spending his little savings and eating his heart out in the long drawn-out effort to get justice.

But in the case alluded to the stubborn defense was made by a civic corporation, a community. The course pursued is precisely the one too many public service corporations are wont to pursue. Liability was denied on precisely the same grounds that private corporations set up. The same principles of law were asserted and the same rules of procedure resorted to. The end is the same as the end of a great proportion of the damage suits brought against private corporations. The plaintiff has finally won, but the fruits of his victory are dead sea ashes; he is worn, disheartened by prolonged and profitless litigation. His experience will deter others from prosecuting similar claims, whether just or unjust.

The census shows that old Virginia has dropped behind California, Alabama and Minnesota, which she preceded in 1900. When the Federal government was formed she was the richest and most populous State in the Union. Her territory extended to the Mississippi river and to the Great Lakes, and gave her a dominating position in the galaxy of States. She allowed Kentucky to be carved out of her territory and surrendered her right to her vast territory north of the Ohio river. During the Civil War West Virginia was cut off and made a separate State. Virginia still has a large domain, but her precedence is gone. She has fallen behind several of the old Southern group. Georgia, Tennessee, North Carolina and Alabama all contain more inhabitants. Her child Kentucky is richer and more populous. At the outbreak of the war between the States she was the empire State of the South. Georgia wrested that position from her and then lost it to Texas. Of the seceding States she only leads Arkansas, Mississippi, South Carolina, Louisiana and Florida.

If Lu Etta Smith merely imagined that Dr. Burke is the father of her child, as Dr. Burke's attorneys contend, her imagination must have been greatly stimulated by Dr. Burke's warm discourses on free love and affinities.

Oakland's rapid and continued growth is shown by the increase of one million dollars in the expenditure in building improvements over the amount expended last year. The building operations for the twelve months ending December 1, 1909, as shown by the permits issued by the Board of Public Works, called for an expenditure of \$5,652,311.02. For the twelve months ending December 1, 1910, the amount was \$6,695,786.22, a gain of \$1,043,475.20. For the first period the building permits aggregated 3294, and for the second 3945, a gain of 651. Thus the increase in expenditure is over twenty per cent and in the number of building projects a little less than twenty per cent. It is a striking one and proves more strongly than words that Oakland is booming along at a great rate.

At last a parcels post is in sight. Congress is so overloaded with business that a parcels post bill may not pass at this session, but the next Congress is sure to pass one. President Taft is strongly in favor of it, and the Postmaster-General will recommend the parcels post. Moreover, the National Republican platform of 1908 declared for a parcels post. The only opposition to it comes from the express companies, which are able to practice extortion so long as Congress refuses to enact a parcels post law. However, the issue has at last been so sharply drawn that the hold of the express combine will be broken.

The Neglect of Citizenship Duties.

As a cold fact a vast majority of the citizens of Oakland did not even read the new charter; they did not take enough interest in it to acquaint themselves with the provisions of that instrument, and only one-third of them took the trouble to vote. Had not the alternative proposition provoked opposition the vote would have been much lighter than it was. There would have been very few votes cast against the new charter but for the feeling aroused by the alternative proposition, which was generally construed as the opening wedge for making Oakland a dry town.

Now the charter was advertised for weeks, and its salient features were discussed from time to time in the local newspapers. Still the average voter woke up on election day in absolute ignorance of what the new charter contained. Not even the discussion in the press had made any definite impression on the minds of citizens generally beyond the conviction that the city had outgrown the old charter and that the organic law framed by the Freeholders will be a great improvement. Many of them did not even know where the polling places were and had paid so little attention to the whole mat-

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—MINNEAPOLIS JOURNAL.

ter that they had to be told why there was an alternative proposition to be voted on.

Such apathy in regard to so important a matter as passing upon a new charter for the city is extraordinary. The citizenship of Oakland is as intelligent and well educated as any in the world, as intellectually keen and as quick to grasp ideas. It is a melancholy fact, nevertheless, that less than ten per cent of them read the charter and that two-thirds of them did not vote on it at all. A minority was permitted to decide whether the present organic law should be superseded by the charter framed by the Freeholders.

This neglect of an important public duty is not excused by saying that the result of the poll is all right. That the result is gratifying is no excuse for the men who did nothing to bring it about. Suppose the election had gone the other way—who would have been to blame? If faults develop in the new form of government that is about to be established what right have the men who neither read nor voted on the new charter to complain? And what is to be said of intelligent business men who voted at the last minute on the representation of some person or other without really knowing what they are voting for?

The Nashville Tennessean points out a peculiar phase of the shift in population—namely, that there is a decrease in population in some agricultural sections where farm values are rising. For instance, the population of Maury county, Tennessee, has decreased since 1900, yet Maury county is rich and prosperous. The value of farm lands has increased from 40 to 100 per cent since 1901, and is still rising. As a matter of fact, modern improvements in agricultural machinery and methods of cultivation have enabled farmers to dispense with much of the labor formerly employed. Three men now till as much land and till it better than five men did fifteen years ago. Hence lands have gone up in price and the number of agricultural laborers has decreased. No lands have gone out of cultivation and farm products have increased in volume and value, but the rural population has declined. As the Tennessean says, there are no abandoned farms in Maury county and no decline in agricultural activity, but the rural population has decreased because it does not require as many hands to do the work as for nearly. What is true of Maury, it says, is equally true of other counties in Middle Tennessee. Probably Iowa, Illinois, Michigan, Ohio, Missouri and Indiana can show the same state of facts.

Do your holiday shopping safely and sanely. Do it now. Don't wait till the three days before Christmas.

EDITORIAL PARAGRAPHS

Man's vitality depends upon his mentality; man's mental attitude determines his courage, good cheer, health and kindly deeds—it's the rudder to his life-ship.

Man never reaches success when he travels on an "if" ticket. The man who modifies his purpose with an "if possible" condition will never reach accomplishment.

The world does not owe each man a living, for man is debtor to the world and not the world to him; the man who can not be useful to society is utterly useless to himself.

When you postpone you put a brake on progress; whenever you conclude that there is a tomorrow for you at that very moment you conclude your progress of today.

You can never manage your meanness by simply joining a church; meanness in man means a lack in the knowledge of the laws of living—wisdom makes man worship.

There are three classes of people in the world: Those who have money, those whom money has and those who are "peny wise and pound foolish"—haven't any money and don't know how to get it.

Man should never attempt to play possum with pessimism; when man attempts to pull down prices through pretenses he finds that his way does not weigh much.

It never pays to try to popularize yourself by shaping your opinions to the popular side of every question; it is better to stand alone and be right than to agree for popularity.

Fear dwarfs the mind and body of man so that disease can easily gain the mastery over him; fear destroys all possibilities where ability and skill might otherwise win.

Kindness and Christianity

REV. WILLIE MANNING MARVIN
Pastor of Alameda First Methodist Church.



Rev. W. M. Marvin.

The most potent power in this world is love. Put into the scale what you will and love will outweigh it. Put against her the things that men call might and she will put them to conclusion. If the dearest of mighty kings written into laws cross the heart-strings, love will rise to nullify them. Mightier than the armed hand of law is the gentlest touch of love. It is not law, but love, that brings together the world's warring forces. It is love in the presence of a little child that shall make the lion and the lamb lie down together. You may imprison love, but you cannot subdue it. You may crush it, but in three days the crushed will rise to march on in triumph.

Men say that money will buy anything. It is true to say that it will buy some things. It will buy lackeys but not friends. It will buy the house and the servants, but not the spirit of hospitality and love. It will procure acres, but not insight. It will buy a palace, but it cannot purchase a character. These best things can be procured only by love.

There is never a day when love cannot purchase more in any market than money. The fidelity that wages can never secure, the love of the task will produce.

The angels that Caesar's legions could not subdue, the cross of love captures. The mightiest deeds are not wrought through fear, nor for the sake of honor, but they have been inspired by love—a love of God, love of country, love of home, and love of kind.

It is dark night, it is the outer darkness, it is the region of the lost, it is the home of death, where love is not. When a thousand perishes in a country's fertile valleys and its prosperous cities are but straw dams against the sure flood of destruction. When the fire of love dies on the hearthstone there is no home. When love dies in a man's soul the man is dead, out where love is there is time every other good will come. Let love abide in the hearts of a handful, an inclement climate, and on a bleak soil, and that handful will build an empire that will be the admiration of a world. Well has Tolstoy said: "Where love is there heaven is." In proportion as selfishness obtains, we are barbarians. We are civilized only as far as love rules.

Let none say I have no chance to be helpful for at our door are opportunities and every day furnishes abundant opportunity for every soul to be helpful. To be that sort of a man your life must be moved by something more than earth, fire or mere resolution. It needs the touch of that divine love that has quickened all of the channels of human life. It needs the enthusiasm of Jesus for humanity, for He, after all, was the world's great humanitarian.

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Timely and Interesting Topics

"By his marriage with Princess Clementine of Belgium, Prince Napoleon," says the Paris Figaro, "becomes the cousin of all the princes of Europe except those of the Serbian royal house. Among them he will have the King of England, the German Emperor, the Czar, the King of Bulgaria, Norway, Belgium and Spain; the Crown Prince of Rumania, the Grand Duke of Hesse and the Crown Prince of Sweden. He comes into this noble relationship through his wife and her father, the late King Leopold. By the maternal grandmother of the Princess he becomes the cousin of the Duke of Orleans and of all the princes and princesses of the former royal house of France. The late Queen of Belgium was an Austrian Archduchess and through this he becomes related to the Habsburgs. Before his marriage he was the cousin of the King of Italy, the King of Portugal and the Princess of Montenegro."

Pennsylvania's State Game Commission reports that the season just closed was the luckiest that the deer hunters have enjoyed for years. The commission estimates that eight hundred deer were slain. A correspondent in Clinton county—the best hunting region in that State—tells the Philadelphia Press that each pound of venison taken home by hunters cost about three dollars. But any old lover of the woods will say that it was cheap at the price.

"There are two hotels in Sagnay, Mich.," writes a small boy from that place, "which are peculiar. They have no bath-rooms, no telephone, no gas or electric light, and are run without the aid of a smiling clerk or tip absorbing bell boys. These hotels were erected by John Bolter, just in front of one of our other hotels. They are made of stout material and are both fastened to a tree. The only guests are squirrels and these come and go and have the run of the houses without registering. Large quantities of nuts are purchased by interested people every week. These are placed where the guests can reach them and are carried away."

The Frankfurt Gazette offers some scathing criticism on the state railways of Prussia. They are compared with those of France and to the advantage of the latter country. The Gazette says that the state lines should be reorganized, taking the French lines as an example. The journal gives an example which is declared to be typical. The Paris-Frankfurt express makes the journey from the French capital to Nancy, 253 kilometers, a little over 200 miles, in 254 minutes. From Nancy to Frankfurt the same train takes 462 minutes to cover 347 kilometers. From Paris to Nancy there are two stops; on the latter half of the journey there are twenty-four.

BROTHERS OF EAST

The world has known for a number of years that the Japanese people are the Yankees of the Orient; that they have been adopting Western forms of civilization, and that they have stepped away from a passive inspection of past years, to an alert study of that which pertains to the present and the future.

But nothing casts so clear a light upon their adoption of the manners and customs of the people of the United States as the recently announced departure of a party of Jap explorers, who have gone in search of the South pole.

Going in search of the earth's extremes is not, to be sure, a peculiarly American custom. Europeans in every century, and particularly the Scandinavians, have written thrilling chapters in history by their efforts to penetrate the frozen zones to their extremes.

But it remained for Americans to bring this hardy industry to its commercial

perfection. We had two men making money out of their tales of adventure relative to the pole, both operating at the same time, until one of them turned upon the other, and now neither is making anything. But the field was pretty thoroughly harvested and the eyes of the whole world were turned upon us, either to bless or to ban.

A new field for magazine literature was opened; new materials were supplied the paragraphs, new ideas were put into the hands of the makers of mystery, comedy, and new phrases were added to our language.

The Japanese have done many things to win our sympathetic appreciation, but they now have become our own brothers, since they have equipped an exploring vessel, and sent a band of their sons to the regions where the ice flows are, and where men are most certain of acquiring a reputation for mendacity.

PARKHURST RIOTERS

Rev. Anna Shaw, president of the National Suffrage Association, will be commended by sensible persons on this side of the water in her determination not to increase the purpose of some American admirers of Mrs. Parkhurst's "wonderful" funds for the cause as now being prosecuted in England. To be sure, Miss Shaw explains her disinclination on the ground that there is need for all the available money right at home. She admires Mrs. Parkhurst's "wonderful" generosity and wishes the English co-workers success. Impartial observers of the progress of the cause and the loyalty of many persons affiliated with it, will applaud Miss Shaw's attitude for the further reason that they do not relish the methods employed by the English militants. Triumph for woman suffrage have invariably been won in the United States without resort to riot practice.

Riot tactics have been removed despite a proclamation of their abandonment, issued by the ridiculous sisterhood some months ago. If he pledge to be informed was induced by a prospect that the government would frame measures gradually to include the women in the general suffrage it did not rest on an agreement to that effect.

If suffragists behaved in that fashion as a rule estimates of the qualifications of women for the voting privilege would fall materially below par with many who are disposed to loathe to the appeal. London police magistrates admonishing the rioters brought before them, might appropriately paraphrase John Tobin, to the effect that the suffragette who lays her hand upon a prime minister, save in the way of kindness, is a person whom "twice gross slattery to name a jolly." Providence Journal.

GIVING UP THE STRUGGLE

On one of the news pages recently two stories stood side by side. The first told of a divorced couple who had talked flippantly of their affairs, and who discussed the immediate marriage of each to other individuals.

The other told of a man aged 60 whose life partner had died, and who died at her grave, because he could not bear to live without her.

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20 YEARS AGO IN OAKLAND

The Twenty-third avenue district improvement association has appointed the following committees: Constitution, Jeff- ferson, Criss, and Hindsdale, streets, Bess, Seitz, and E. L. White, Light, Austin, Price and Ashworth, streets, Jeffries, Merrill and Draper, sidewalks, Hobart, Miller and J. B. White, nuisances, Shop- ardsen, Emery and Eastman; city legis- lation, Inskip, Hindsdale and Criss; schools, Merrill, Hindsdale and Jeffries, fire, water and police, Boatman, Rutherford and Clough.

A committee of the grand jury visited Alameda yesterday and inspected several of the schools. They also considered the advisability of placing a bell at the intersection of Park street and the Broadway local. The members thought that there was danger of life for people passing that intersection without a bell to apprise them of the coming of trains on the Southern Pacific.

It is very doubtful if the new Christ Church in Alameda will be completed in time to hold Christmas services in it, as there remains a great deal of work yet to be done on the structure.

City Tax-collector Smith of Alameda says that the taxes are coming in very

slowly and unless there is a change in the matter there will be a big delinquent list in Alameda this year.

It is the intention of the property owners on Lenita street to have cement sidewalks laid on that thoroughfare, from Seventh to Fourteenth street, and the work of laying the walks is now in progress.

Present school was closed yesterday afternoon out of respect to the memory of Miss Harriet McConnell, the teacher who died after a short illness.

A deer found belonging to J. P. Fites was poisoned in West Oakland several days ago and since then several other dogs have met the same fate at the hands of some unknown fiend.

Thanksgiving Day is celebrated in St. Mary's college with an excellent program of literary and musical selections. The chairman of the day was Edward J. Nolan, one of the students. The exercises were attended by the students of the institution and many of their relatives and friends.

Mayor Glascock has returned with his approval the disputed claim of Con Crow- ley, whose demand for \$15 City Auditor Snow declined to honor.

GOSSIP FROM SAN FRANCISCO WEEKLIES

Daughter of
Joaquin Miller

Juanita, daughter of Joaquin Miller, is living the life of a hermit in the heart of New York. "I want to find myself to discover what I am here for," she says. So she lives on seven dollars a week in a diminutive room, barring the door against society eager to claim her. True poetic philosophy worthy the daughter of her father, she quotes: "You must resist red roses; you must remain a lily-white rose." Juanita Miller is right. Society is no place for a girl of ideals, of truth, and poetic intelligence. It develops her in no way, appeals only to the frivolous in her, and offers her no employment for her talents. After all, there are only two kinds of roses—roses that are red and roses that are lily-white. And how divinely rare and beautiful the latter when one among women is found. Even men at the worst, for bears despoiling it, but prays over the petals with all the silent worship of his soul. It is only the red rose, the rose ready to hand, that he plucks and laughs as he plucks. But the lily-white rose, the rose of purity in womanhood, of labor, dreams and ideals, of abiding faith and constant truth, he cherishes in every breath of fragrance just as such a rose must cherish itself.—News Letter.

Tht Hissing
Episode

A most distressing incident of the Terry lecture last week was the hissing of the Hon. James D. Phelan by some wayward persons in the very cultured and fashionable audience. It is very sorry that the matter was given publicity by the Call. If it had not been brought to public notice I should not make it the subject of comment, for the sooner such unpleasant episodes are forgotten the better. Now that it is generally known that Mr. Phelan was hissed when he made his appearance for the purpose of introducing Miss Terry it should be explained that not more than a score of persons in the large audience contributed to the painful uneasiness and discomfort of the Sequoia Club's distinguished spokesman. It should be further explained that the inoffensiveness of Mr. Phelan's remarks, the awkwardness of his speech, was due entirely to the shock that he received from the unmanly persons who expressed their hostility to him. Mr. Phelan usually fits such an occasion like a glove. He generally knows what to say and how to say it. But on this occasion he floundered. His embarrassment was manifest but excusable. He seemed to feel that as he had been hissed it was necessary to inform the audience that the club had made no mistake, that he was really the proper person to officiate on such an occasion, and so he told his audience how friendly he was with the late Sir Henry Irving and how Henry had received him in England. Barring the hissing the afternoon was a Sequoia Club triumph. The club is deserving of great praise for having given the people the opportunity to meet Miss Terry. It is to be hoped that the club will do more for us along the same line, but not without keeping in mind the hissing incident. Mr. Phelan, despite his many noble qualities, has the unfortunate to get on the nerves of many sensitive people. Some years ago he was almost mobbed at a meeting of the Hibernians when he attempted to preside, and it will be remembered that on his account many citizens refused to contribute to the fund for the reception of the fleet. For the present Mr. Phelan has the misfortune to be very much misunderstood.—Town Talk.

Frank W. Carpenter
Visits the Coast

Frank W. Carpenter, here with the committee from the Philippines, and formerly private secretary to President Taft, is an old newspaper man. Frank is known, indeed, from one end of the continent to the other. His remarkable success is due entirely to his own ability. And though he is no longer the President's private secretary, there is no telling what he may be. Interviewed by a fledgling of the local press, Frank was asked how he did it.

"Ten years ago," suggested the reporter, "you were only a newspaper man."

"I do not like to hear you say 'only' in that connection," pointed out Carpenter.

"But now—"

"Well, now I am a politician. As a newspaperman and manufacturer of goods on that line, I made much profit in the retail, finished article that I developed production was a poor business," said Carpenter.

The Death of
Major Braslan

Major Charles P. Braslan, who died in San Jose last week after suffering for twelve days from pneumonia, was one of California's foremost citizens and long friends to mourn him in all parts of the State. In San Jose where he lived for years on the beautiful old Alameda, he was known to all his townsmen and is mourned by everybody. No Californian was better known in Washington, where he spent a great deal of his time. The company of which he was the head, supplied the Agricultural Department with the seeds which they sent broadcast over the country. Owing to his prominent position he was selected by Governor Eliot to do likewise, and in behalf of the Panama-Pacific Exposition and accomplished wonders. Had he lived he would have gone east again to continue his exertions. Major Braslan was a widow, a son by his first marriage and a baby daughter by his second.—Town Talk.

Bridge Party
Refreshments

I met on the street a few days ago a lady who was making preparation for one of the largest bridge parties of the week which she gave at the Palace. She was in a great hurry and I took the liberty of inquiring why she was so busy. She replied that she was ordering refreshments for her guests and was then on her way to arrange for the whiskey and cigarettes. "Whiskey and cigarettes at a bridge party?" I queried with a well simulated air of incredulity. "Of course," she answered. "If I didn't have whiskey and cigarettes my guests wouldn't come."—Town Talk.

"A Nation's
Crime"

Another message has come from the pen of Mrs. I. Lowenberg whose novel, "The Irresistible Current," dealing with a religious and social problem of perennial interest, created a mild sensation on its appearance about a year ago. The new message like the first, comes in the form of a novel. It is entitled "A Nation's Crime." Mrs. Lowenberg is a woman who gives a great deal of thought to social problems. The one that she has made the theme of her latest work is the divorce evil as complicated by the irreconcilability of the divorce laws of the several States. To show what tragic results are possible in the existing chaotic state of affairs she tells a story rich in dramatic interest, the story of the terrible humiliation of two proud and haughty young representatives of the plutocracy of Maryland whose mother was a Reno widow. They inherited a vast estate from their paternal grandfather, but as a result of a will contest the marriage of their parents was pronounced invalid by the courts of Maryland. The awful blight on their lives came just as marriage bells were about to announce the mingling of happy hearts. Mrs. Lowenberg is blessed with imagination, but she has not yet perfected the faculty on which the story teller chiefly depends. The art of construction she has not yet mastered, nor the technique of dialogue. Her characters are addicted to the bad habit of talking out of a dictionary. Nevertheless Mrs. Lowenberg has given us a book worth while from the standpoint of homiletics. She is a good preacher, and judged according to the standard of criticism by which writers of fiction are seldom encouraged, her novel, as such, is deserving of commendation.—Town Talk.

Countess Has
Bitter Tongue

The Lookeron met the Countess de Selsky at the Fairmont Hotel the other day. He found her everything that her critics said she was not, a woman of rare intelligence and wonderful charm; a woman graceful in every little movement, and combining the simplicity and naturalness of a child with the extraordinary subtlety of a Russian woman. About her is that something which is infinitely feminine, infinitely alluring, and which few men could resist. The American woman as a rule does not possess it. For that reason, and in spite of her beauty and gorgeous apparel, she lost out to the Countess at Newport. Where the Russian woman passed, men followed, lured by the soft subtlety of her. All this and a wonderful intelligence is revealed in her dancing. The fact that some of our critics who do not understand Russian and Oriental music criticized her so severely does not matter. Nor does it worry the Countess. The question was put to her:

"What do you think of San Francisco critics?"

This was her reply: "I am afraid that for some of them I would be obliged to think"—News Letter.

The Growth
of California

Surprise at the showing of population maps for California in the thirteenth Federal census is felt at home as well as abroad. The public was prepared for favorable totals of growth, but it was uncertain how large a deduction should be made on account of the disaster of 1907, when, and for months, the outgoing train was full of the downed ones comparatively empty. No one could have foreseen then that the next census of California would show the largest enumerative gain since the tumultuous decade of the gold rush. But such was the fact. Ten years ago, a time of national prosperity, California made a most creditable record of growth; but as against an uplift in population for the decade then closed of 22.9 per cent and an additional 276,923, the enumeration made in 1910 showed a gain of 94.1 per cent, one nearly triple, and a total increase of 892,496. This rate of accretion is not equaled by that of any other State so far reported; and only one State, New York, has registered more inhabitants in the aggregate. California has crowded in ahead of Ohio and Massachusetts, with gains, respectively, of 809,576 and 581,970. In the enumeration of 1900 this State ranked as second-first in the general roster, but now it has displaced Minnesota, Kentucky, Mississippi, Alabama, Tennessee, and Virginia with the count of at least fifteen other States, not yet made up, to reckon on for a further advantage of position. It is a marvel that, after only six or seven years of civilized growth, California has one-fourth as large a population as New York, with its advantage as an chief entrepot of European immigration. It has taken between two and three centuries to accumulate.—Argonaut.

Where Are Our
Society Sports?

I read the other day that Templeton Crocker had joined the Marin Golf and Country Club and I was filled with pessimistic speculations. What, I thought, is the use of a young man joining a country club when he does not excel in any form of sport? Have our country clubs become mere social organizations where the women gather for tea and chatter and the men for highballs and a little golf or an occasional game of tennis? So far as I know Mr. Crocker cannot shoot, and neither, for that matter, can a great many other members of the Marin or other neighboring country clubs. This brings up an interesting question: What are our young society men doing for amateur sport? The obvious answer is that they are scarcely doing anything. There was a time when the glided youths of San Francisco took pride in excelling in some form of manly endeavor, but the present generation seems to have adopted other ideals. Young men like Templeton Crocker, Clara Payne, Cyril Tobin and many others whom I could mention evince no desire to acquire the reputation of gentlemen sports. In an older and more settled community they would take to sport as a matter of course; but here nothing is demanded of them more strenuous than the graceful balancing of a tea cup or the exertion of strength demanded in handing a young woman from her limousine.—Town Talk.

Matchmakers
Are Guessing

Miss Enid Gregg has the matchmakers on the guessing stool, and they sit as uncomfortable as though the stool were studded with tacks, points upward. One day the prophets pronounce that she is engaged to the wealthy Bostonian who acted as host to the Gregg party in Europe this summer. By all the signs and symbols and dips they declare for Boston. "Why, he telegraphs to her every day, has a standing order at the local florist's, writes long letters, and declares a fete day with appropriate gift every other week," they whisper.

They come some one with the news that the attentions of the local business man seem to be growing in favor, and the matchmakers are driven to an unhappy state of uncertainty. "I know the Boston man still wires regularly," the Bostonians bellow, for early in the morning of the day Mary G. Baker Edly passed away Enid knew about it—be fore the newspapers out here were aware of the fact. No, he is not a scientist, but I suppose when a man wires every day, he is glad to have something to talk about!—News Letter.

Mrs. Teddy Shocked
With a Straw

Young Mrs. Roosevelt shocked sticklers for fashion at the St. Francis the other day. In December she wore a straw hat, it was a big black becoming thing with black plumes on it, but it was straw in December. The day was warmer than many days in June in San Francisco, but every woman in the St. Francis dining room wore a winter hat, except Mrs. Roosevelt, who looked far more properly arrayed than those whose heads were covered with fur and velvet. The Roosevelts, by the way, have delighted their friends with their music. They both play the piano extremely well and Teddy Jr. can do as well as some professionals on the violin. Last week they entertained informally for Margaret Roosevelt who was one of the most popular visitors San Francisco has had in a long time. She has a simple cordial manner that won many friends. Her father was a cousin of Theodore the Great.—Town Talk.

Newport and
Its Titles

Mrs. Peter Martin has always been considered an important addition to our society, but only the other day did I appreciate the full significance of her identification with our smart set. "Who I Prince d'Abro?" asked an impressive dame between deals at the bridge club. "Oh, he's all right," volunteered her sprightly partner. "Mrs. Peter Martin took him up immediately, and that means that he has the Newport cachet."

Now, Newport has come through the primary grades on titles, skipped the grammar school and is now in high school. Bogus titles, or badly damaged ones, need not apply. The Chicago market is still open, and there are plenty of heiresses on the Eastern counters willing to be shown, but the Newport set has adopted a "show me" attitude. There was a time when fine discrimination was not evidenced in the matter of titles. Any title looked good to the Newporters, and any price was paid for community right in that title. But in the last ten years there has been an overproduction of the common or garden variety of titles. Moreover, the New York society woman have been graduated from the traveling class into something like established social position abroad, and they have an opportunity to get the foreign feeling on the titles offered here. Titled foreigners no longer make the Newport pulse go pit-a-pat unless the title is some pumpkin in the vegetable garden of aristocracy. A duke may work them up to high pressure, but a count of dubious worth can no longer hope to be received in Newport. The foreign marriage brokers realize that New York society grows more difficult every year, and their advice to their clients is: "Young man, go West!" Of course, this does not apply to Prince d'Abro's presence here for he has been signed, sealed and delivered to us from Newport, care Mrs. Peter Martin. Which means, as the discriminating matron remarked, that he is "all right."—News Letter.

A Mot by
De Wolf Hopper

In accordance with a time-honored custom the Press Club entertained Miss Lillian Russell last Thursday night. Having rendered the club an incalculable service many years ago Miss Russell was elected an honorary member and every time she returns to this city, is made the guest of the members at a rather pretentious jinks. Last Thursday night De Wolf Hopper was also the guest of the Press Club. As the club has moved into new quarters since Miss Russell's last visit, she was given a gold key to the door and returned to her room in a very happy little speech. Immediately afterwards President Naughton proposed her health, the members sang "For she's a jolly good fellow," and De Wolf Hopper was called upon to respond. "Really," he began, "if Miss Russell loses that golden key, she will have no difficulty in replacing it. There seem to be a lot of keys in the Press Club. Just now when I am singing, there were as many keys as there were singers."—Town Talk.

The Ball for
Miss Chase

The number of private balls scheduled for the season has filled the vacationing dates left by the Colonials and Patrons of last year. Beginning with the Crocker ball there will be more large private affairs this year than ever before. The second took place Thursday night when Miss Isabel Chase made her formal bow at the Fairmont where Mrs. Will Tevis was hostess at a dance in her honor. Mrs. Tevis never does anything by halves and the affair was perfectly ranked in every detail. Miss Chase was one of the debutante frocks brought to her from Paris by Mrs. William Miller Graham. Her mother assisted the hostess in receiving. Mrs. Tevis and Mrs. Chase were school friends as Minnie Mizer and Mabel Pacheco, and the latter made long visits at the Miller home in Reno.—Town Talk.

Her Correct
Name is Danna

I see that all the daily papers have been in error in giving the name of the young woman to whom Leavitt Baker is engaged. Few readers would recognize from their curious misspellings that his pretty fiancée is Miss Ramona Danna, the interesting second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Danna, now of Seattle, but formerly well known residents of San Rafael. Miss Danna is a niece of ex-Sheriff Taylor of San Rafael. Her grandfather was a pioneer paper man. After the wedding Leavitt Baker and his bride will reside on the Baker ranch. Miss Danna will soon visit friends in this city and San Rafael where a great deal of entertaining will be done in her honor.—Town Talk.

Separated After
Seven Months

The decision of Mrs. Joseph Melroy (Miss Florence Plummer) to leave her husband on "account of his uncontrollable temper" came as a shock to society around the bay, and specially in Alameda, where the young bride was so joyously feted during her prenuptial entertainments scarcely seven months ago. The wedding was the most notable event of the season there, both on account of the prominence of the bride and the laborious and tasteful details which marked the ceremony. Mr. and Mrs. Melroy lived in a fashionable Ross valley villa for six months and then took apartments in this city. He is a well-known railroad agent in this city. The Plummer home is one of the handsomest residences of Alameda.—The Wasp.

Ellen Terry's
Decline

Considering that Ellen Terry is about sixty-seven years of age it is not surprising that she should enjoy extremely poor health. When a woman has been on the stage for fifty years it may be taken for granted that her vital force is pretty nearly expended. Miss Terry is pitifully weak. After the performance last Thursday her ever went back on her and she had to summon a specialist who treated her for two hours before she was able to get up. In New York she was treated by a doctor who said: "I have learned from an article written by Franklin Fyles, the dramatic critic, describing her lecture he said: 'She stood at a high table on which lay an open book of such passages of Shakespeare as she was to half read and half recite, with interspersed accounts of the plots and characters. The print was by hand in large letters; for her memory and eyesight are both poor, and she won't be allowed the other day, when she could not command a line from either book or recollection, she burst into hysterical weeping and sympathetic women sobbed with her. The charm of the Terry personality was still appreciable, but plainly and pitifully the great artist was nervously weak if not seriously ailing.' Sarah Bernhardt has announced that she expects to die of heart disease in the matter of days. Her American tour and the five Sarahs is only two years older than Ellen Terry. There is no doubt that they are both overtaking their waning powers.—Town Talk.

Bases His Evidence
on a Letter

Despite the intercession of friends, there will be no reconciliation between Barbara S. Hook and his bride of six months if the declaration of the erratic son of the late railroad build of Los Angeles is to be credited. The young wife is in Los Angeles with her parents and Hook is in this city, where, with Mr. Bogen, also of Los Angeles, he has just bought out Frank Smith's interest in the insurance firm conducted by Noble Bar. Quite typical of the young man's insouciance is the jocular remark that he is to do the drinking of the new firm. The third "paper" party in the dramatic triangle is a merry lieutenant, who was a tutor for Mrs. Hook's hand when she was Miss Rebecca Pierce of Albuquerque. Hook has never acted the prudent in discussing his family affairs with his intimates. Many of them have been shown the letter in which the young wife wrote to her husband that she had no more right to his love and affection. The wife claims that improper constructions have been placed on the phrase she innocently penned. Hook admits that he has no proof of any infidelity upon her part. The idea that irritates his matrimonial spleen, according to the friends who have quizzed him, is that Mrs. Hook married him for his money. The diagnosis made of the case by these same friends is to the effect that Hook's protechnical infatuation for his beautiful wife has sizzled out and that his romantic imagination has been so badly shaken that he is no longer a danger to his friends. The height of his passion was marked by what comedian "H" would call a "jolly palooza." He chartered a special car from Los Angeles to Albuquerque, where the bride awaited him for the ceremony at the home of her parents, and those that enjoyed the role of the trip are still in dreamland.—The Wasp.

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Wear Stunning
Clothes

The Newhall girls wear stunning clothes, and wear them with more distinction than any other women in their set. They would be considered excessively chic here even in Paris, which means that out here they are "le diener chic." Even in the matter of housewifery decoration they are not a whit behind the French edicts, the latest of which commands a boudoir furnished in soft gray and beige tones, with a black satin sofa as the dominant note. Women on the Continent have upholstered themselves in black satin and velvet, and now they are beginning to upholster the furniture. But the room must not be "cluttered with black—just a stunning touch of it accomplished in a dandy and perhaps one easy chair. The black satin furniture does not belong to the formal part of the house, but finds its most appropriate setting against the soft grays of Milady's room where she reads, writes, etc., and receives only her most intimate friends.—News Letter.

Did Phyrne
Really Do It?

Poor Phyrne, in her shocking dishabille, is on the carpet again to explain her naughty behavior. That engaging old story was made immortal by master painters and sculptors, about her being charged with heresy and dragged before the angry judges whom she ultimately won by disrobing before them. Is now proclaimed a pure myth. Paul Girard, one of the "Forty Immortals," says so, and he should know. In a lecture delivered at the annual public meeting of the French Academy Girard passionately analyzed the ancient story. He said there is no ground whatever for believing that Phyrne displayed her beautiful charms to her judges, who were so entranced by her marvelous form that they acquitted her. Girard has examined all the authorities of ancient time and he solemnly announced his conclusion that at the time of the alleged episode Phyrne was 37 years old and that she probably visited each jurymen separately to plead her case, as was the custom—from which circumstance sprang the fable.—The Wasp.

The Owl in
a Hobbie

Ladies' Day at the Bohemian Club produced a great crush of delighted femininity keenly eager to inspect the new home. They crowded the bar, poured at the tables, others lounged in the library, and some in the lobby. Merry fingers put the piano through a ripping imitation and ambitious Bernhardt tested the acoustic properties of the new jinks room. It was a gala day for the club and for the gowned guests. The few members present did herculean work as guides, being compelled to low at least ten inquisitive chattering on each round of the room. The while the card room was filled with gray haired celebrities intent on games. Many of the members ignored the tempting light luncheon served and reserved handsomely decorated tables in the dining room for their special guests.

As usual in the erection of a new club house with such an extended membership there is some kicking despite the fact that a capable committee did its best. Some grouches attack the location; others criticize putting the jinks room, which is a gem, at the top of the house, where it is a "dead" room, some insist there should be more light in the general rooms and a more ideal library of reading matter. However, the "old guard" is satisfied for wherever the owl makes its nest they are satisfied to settle. Surroundings count little with them so long as there are tables and chairs where good fellows can get together. Wit, fancy and imagination fill in the interstices and make the place Bohemia and any passing painter may dub "club" over the door if he cares.—The Wasp.

Herbert Law
Off to Egypt

Mr. Herbert Law is again a resident of San Francisco, but he is not to remain with us very long. He is to leave in a few days for a pleasure trip to Egypt. Mr. Law recently sold out his holdings in the Western Steel Company of Seattle, and I am told that the deal was one of the biggest of his career. The Western Steel Company was a small concern when he took charge about two years ago, but under his management it soon became an important factor in the steel industry; so much so that it attracted the attention of the trust by which it was absorbed. The report that Mr. Law is going away for an indefinite period has shattered the hopes of those who had been looking forward to the possibility of a reconciliation ever since the Herbert Laws were divorced. When the news of their estrangement became public about two years ago it was the cause of genuine grief to their friends, who found it hard to believe that what they had regarded as an ideal union could be permanently ruptured. And even when the divorce occurred it was not accepted as final by those friends of the family who felt that the divorce was a mere formality against the other. But Mrs. Law has remained steadfast in her resolution, and she will probably never return to San Francisco. Mrs. Law has many friends in this city. She is a woman who inspires the warmest kind of friendship, for she has many graces of person, mind and heart. When the Laws were married they were in very modest circumstances. Their quick accession to wealth made no change in Mrs. Law, and the friends of her youth are her friends now and they love her for her sweetness and generosity of character. She will be greatly missed, for her charities were numerous. She was one of the most active of the directors of the Nursery for Homeless Children.—Town Talk.

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His Third Trial
at Matrimony

All the gay lights of the town are merrily winking because "Cheerful Billy" Hopkins is married again—his third venture. The record would easily be higher were it not for his vigilant mother, who has so adroitly headed off most of his mad efforts to plunge into matrimony. She endeavored to do so in the present instance, but was late, and the nuptials were celebrated in the usual "Billy" Hopkins fashion amid the pastoral embellishments of Lake county. The bride is a nurse, and is now with "Billy" visiting his mother at the Woodland home, where, as usual, he is signing up peace stipulations. Young Hopkins is well connected, but too much wealth has caused the joyous world to spin very rapidly for him, and he has traveled a speedy pace to step up with it. Money never sticks to his fingers. The family fortune is part of that colossal estate distributed by the demise of Mark Hopkins, the California railroad magnate, the site of whose family mansion on Nob Hill is now the home of the Hopkins Institute of Art. Among his holdings is a share in the big building at Powell and Eddy streets which houses the Techna Tavern. E. W. Hopkins, the millionaire, whose four daughters are so prominent in exclusive local society, is his uncle. "Billy" has not been the only member of his branch of the family to startle society. Shortly before the big fire his sister created more than a passing breeze by marrying one of the Quinn brothers, a remarkably handsome chap and a well-known patron of horseracing. Several newspapers that published uncorroborated stories regarding the newly married couple were obliged to make retraction by the indignation of his honored name. Dorothy Russell, in the character of "Mrs. Robin Dunsmuir No. 2," took a flying trip to San Francisco as chaperon to her youthful mamma, and here encountered Mrs. Robin Dunsmuir No. 1, the former Miss Ethel Shober of Sausalito, beauty and society belle. The latter, Mrs. Dunsmuir No. 1, who brought a suit for absolute divorce against her husband some two years ago, the suit being compromised in 1909 for the tiny consideration of \$100,000—did not look happy when hearing the other lady called by her husband's name, even though she has that nice sum of money to spend on herself since she consented to a compromise instead of a divorce. Robin could afford to spend the money on a dozen wives if he wished the Solomon-like responsibility. He is of the million-dollar family of British Columbia, a niece of those fortune Elina Wallace Hopner vainly tried to seduce. Last April Dorothy Russell's mother spread the news broadcast that she had a new son-in-law, wealthy and blue-blooded. In those San Francisco haunts which know the fair Dorothy best the story went the rounds that the bride had written that the marriage story was just a jest, as neither she nor Robin had the necessary legal decree of divorce with which to preface a new marriage certificate. Unless the ladies carry their controversy into the courts the truth will never be known, and so it is likely two "Mrs. Dunsmuir" will serve to enliven the newspaper world with plaints for some time to come.—The Wasp.

Passing of a
Prominent Pioneer

The passing of H. M. Yerrington has removed by long odds the most prominent figure connecting the early Mark Twain period with the up-to-date Nevada, as exemplified by the broad national development plans of Senator Newlands. In the early '60s he joined that first flight of remarkable commonwealth builders into the State, and worked shoulder to shoulder with such men as D. O. Mills, William Sharon, William C. Ralston, John Mackay and others of like caliber in its upbuilding. With a half-dozen enterprising men like himself he constructed the first mill on the Carson river to handle the Comstock ore. In dozens of other cases he joined the big men of his kind to how out new ventures on broad and lasting lines. With Mills and Ralston he constructed the V. and T. railroad, at the time considered the most wonderful railroad in the world. He drove the first and last spike in its construction, and was its general manager until the day of his death. He joined in the construction of the Carson and Colorado Railroad, and was one of the chief promoters in developing the many resources with the line tapped. He helped to construct the Carson water works, the famous Eagle valley tunnel and the Carson woodyard, one of the most remarkable sights in the great West. In early life he married Miss Susan B. Home, of the same family as Tume the historian, at Port Stanley, in Canada. In 1874 she died, leaving three sons, E. M. H. and J. A. Yerrington, and one daughter, Miss Jennie Yerrington. Three years later he married Miss Clara V. Bender, a niece of Judge E. B. and Mrs. Crocker of Sacramento. Amy Crocker Goursaud and Mrs. Sloat Bassett of New York are daughters of this Sacramento branch of the Crocker family.—The Wasp.

Judge Quinn
Tells This Story

Justice of the Peace James J. Quinn of Oakland, or "Judge Jimmie," as he is popularly called, is telling this on himself. His honor, returning homeward with a dutiful husband to his wife and a little Jimmie Jr., met a party of old-time friends at the Perry Bldg. In the party were two benedicts very properly accompanied by their wives, and the fifth in the little company was, in the term of the present day, a bachelor girl. Wouldn't Judge Jimmie complete the party, which was to dine at a merry little rendezvous of Bohemia down-town? Listening to the arguments of the plaintiffs until the boat had gone which would have left a dutiful husband to his wife and a little Jimmie Jr. in time for dinner, Judge Jimmie yielded. In good season, after dinner, the benedicts who were accompanied by their wives, joyfully voted Judge Jimmie the pleasure of escorting the bachelor girl to her home, a duty which Judge Jimmie, gallant to the last ditch, gracefully accepted. When started, it was learned that the young woman's home was well out beyond the park half a block or so beyond the terminus of a car line. With the purpose of catching a bus and boy, Judge Jimmie, with all the haste possible with polite grace, escorted his charge to her home door, and then sprinted back to the car line, making such good time that he caught the same car on which he and the young woman had made their out-going trip. As his honor sank, breathless but victorious, on the car seat and reached in his pocket for his fare, the conductor, socially warning him as the only passenger aboard, smiled gently and condescended: "You didn't stay as long as the other fellows did, did you?" Judge Jimmie is puzzling over the case, as to whether he or "the other fellow" has "one on" which.—The Wasp.

About Mrs.
Vincent Whitney

Mrs. Vincent Whitney is looking extremely well this winter in a blue velvet suit and a hat trimmed with the same old shade of blue plumes that exactly match her blue eyes. It is a very artistic combination which may have been advised by her quasi-brother-in-law, Frank McComas, who has an eye for color. Mrs. Whitney is intimate with Mrs. McComas and her sister, Mrs. Parker Whitney Jr., who frequently visits her from Del Monte where she is spending the winter. There is a slight estrangement between young Mrs. Parker Whitney and her other relatives-in-law owing to the fact that she and her husband were separated this winter. But Mrs. Vincent has fact enough to avoid taking sides.—Town Talk.

Incidents of a
Hasty Wedding

A funny incident pertaining to the wedding of Miss Anna Maherin and Ralph Merrill, son of Mr. and Mrs. John F. Merrill, and brother of Mrs. Harry Sears Bates and Mrs. Leonard Hammond and Charles Merrill, is the fact that the priest in Salinas refused to marry the couple because, as he told them, he had been lunched off often by men from this city who had asked him to perform the marriage ceremony and afterward turned out to be bigamists. Not one of the guests at the house party where the Merrills were married had an inkling that they were to be in on a wedding. Even the hostess, Mrs. L. Arguello, was in ignorance. The marriage was performed by the justice of the peace the first day of Mr. and Mrs. Merrill's visit to Salinas, but the brisk couple remained the week out at the Arguellos, the bride occupying the girls' quarters and the groom staying with the men. Mr. and Mrs. Merrill are now living at the Hotel Stewart—The Wasp.

Claimed by
Two Wives

When Robin Dunsmuir blithely set out on a voyage from Mazatlan to Lima, in the congenial company of airy fairy Lillian Russell's daughter Dorothy, he little dreamed that in a few months' time he would be envying the silent role of the bone over which two lovely dogesses would be wrangling. Or perhaps he did not suspect such a finale to his second honeymoon voyage, and remained in Peru on that account, placing a wide stretch of ocean between himself and the ladies who had him impartedly bestowed his honored name. Dorothy Russell, in the character of "Mrs. Robin Dunsmuir No. 2," took a flying trip to San Francisco as chaperon to her youthful mamma, and here encountered Mrs. Robin Dunsmuir No. 1, the former Miss Ethel Shober of Sausalito, beauty and society belle. The latter, Mrs. Dunsmuir No. 1, who brought a suit for absolute divorce against her husband some two years ago, the suit being compromised in 1909 for the tiny consideration of \$100,000—did not look happy when hearing the other lady called by her husband's name, even though she has that nice sum of money to spend on herself since she consented to a compromise instead of a divorce. Robin could afford to spend the money on a dozen wives if he wished the Solomon-like responsibility. He is of the million-dollar family of British Columbia, a niece of those fortune Elina Wallace Hopner vainly tried to seduce. Last April Dorothy Russell's mother spread the news broadcast that she had a new son-in-law, wealthy and blue-blooded. In those San Francisco haunts which know the fair Dorothy best the story went the rounds that the bride had written that the marriage story was just a jest, as neither she nor Robin had the necessary legal decree of divorce with which to preface a new marriage certificate. Unless the ladies carry their controversy into the courts the truth will never be known, and so it is likely two "Mrs. Dunsmuir" will serve to enliven the newspaper world with plaints for some time to come.—The Wasp.

Thrown Into
Mourning

Mrs. Nora Brewer, the charming fiancée of Edward Cudahy, son of the late Michael Cudahy, the multimillionaire packer, has been thrown into mourning by the unwelcome news of her intended father-in-law's demise. The several postponements of Miss Brewer's wedding have been the source of much regret to society, and this last one was most unexpected, as the health of her fiancé, which had caused the previous delay, was thought to be fully restored. Mrs. Cudahy, who is a daughter of the late Mr. Cudahy, went East on receiving the sad news of her father's death. Mr. Cudahy did not accompany his wife. He is very popular in local club circles, and was one of a party of well-known gentlemen at the last performance of the Russian dancers Sunday afternoon at the Valencia Theater.—The Wasp.

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THE MEDDLER



MRS. ELLIOTT B. DAVIS, now in Baltimore, who will return for the Yuletide season. —Webster, Photo.

HERE have been very few seasons in our social history when the December days have been so full of interesting dates. During the week the Claremont Country Club has been the scene of many brilliant gatherings. There have been many valiant contests on the golf links, for it has been a week of one of the most remarkable golf tournaments on the Coast. And the golf games have been only one phase of the tournament. The social side of things has been very much in evidence.

The Claremont Country Club leads most of the clubs on the Coast in traditions of hospitality. The visiting golfers are always invited to luncheon or dinner and the open house kept by the Country Club this week was most admirably managed. It was very gay on the golf links, crowds of times following the best players, and some exceptionally good scores stand to the credit of the most expert golfers of the tournament.

Jack Neville and Frank Kales are the best players among the young men, and in the opening days of the tournament among the good scores passed in were those of Robert Fitzgerald, T. C. Coogan, Al Coogan, George McNear, Tyler Henshaw, Arthur Goodfellow, Arthur Goodall, Charles Hubbard, A. T. Garby, Frederick Stratton, Benjamin Smith, Dennis Seales, Thomas Rickard, Fritz Van Sicken, Frank Decker, Minor Goodall, Harry Knowles, John Valentine.

The women of the Claremont Club, though some of them were much out of practice, played a surprisingly good game. Very near the head of the list were Miss Josephine Johnson and Miss Vera Havemeyer. Miss Ernestine McNear has not been practicing long, but she is beginning to play a very good game indeed.

Other well-known players were Miss Alice Knowles, Mrs. John Valentine, Mrs. Thomas Rickard, Mr. C. B. Wingate, Mrs. P. E. Fowler, Mrs. Fred Magee, Mrs. William Pierce Johnson, Miss Mary Sherwood, Mrs. H. H. Sherwood, Miss Avis Sherwood.

Some well-known players from San Francisco were much in evidence at the Claremont Country Club this week. It is only this season that Miss Jennie Crocker learned to play golf, but she is now quite devoted to the game, and she played with much enthusiasm in the tournament this week.

Mrs. Fred McNear, Mrs. Will Taylor and Mrs. Gus Taylor are all most stunning matrons, and they played a very fine game.

Miss Martha Calhoun was also among the guests of the week, and so were Miss Alice Hager and Miss Edith Chesbrough, both of whom are among San Francisco's best players.

The Country Club was very bright with holiday decorations, Christmas

berries and greens being used in profusion. Many luncheons and dinners were given during the week, and never since the opening days of the club has there been so much gaiety there.

Very handsome gowns were everywhere in evidence, and among the many becoming and effective costumes seen at the Country Club this week were those worn by

Mrs. A. L. Stone	Mrs. Mark L. Regan
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Mrs. M. J. Coogan	Mrs. J. H. Blackman
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Mrs. Rose Kales	Mrs. Rose Kales
Mrs. T. J. Coogan	Mrs. T. J. Coogan
Mrs. William G. Henshaw	Mrs. William G. Henshaw

It is expected that at least 200 guests will be in attendance at the dance which will mark the close of the very successful tournament, and the dance will represent one of the most brilliant social gatherings of the winter.

The members of the Country Club may well be proud of the success of this historic state tournament, and Oak's generally joins in the congratulations which have been well deserved by the club.

HOSTESSES AT THE TOURNAMENT.

Among the hostesses of the tournament week at the Golf Club will be Mrs. Andrew L. Stone.

The Stores have closed their Burlingame home and are planning to spend the winter at the Fairmont. Mrs. Stone will entertain fifty guests at luncheon tomorrow, among whom will be her sisters, the Misses Rachel and Vera Havemeyer, Miss Ernestine McNear, Miss Hurlie Stone, Mr. and Mrs. McNear, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Frayre, Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Macdonald, and many friends from Burlingame and San Francisco.

Mrs. John McNear was hostess at a dinner at the Country Club, entertaining among other guests Mr. and Mrs. Frank C. Havens, Mr. and Mrs. William G. Henshaw, General and Mrs. Oscar F. Long.

MRS. J. P. NEVILLE GIVES LARGE BRIDGE PARTY.

Mrs. J. P. Neville was the hostess on Wednesday afternoon at one of the most delightful bridge parties of the season, entertaining thirty-two guests in her hospitable Claremont home. Mrs. Neville has one of the most charming homes in that district, very artistically in all its appointments. Her drawing-room, in tones of blue, is made unusually attractive with the rare old mahogany and other articles of furniture, heirlooms in Mrs. Neville's family. The same may be said of the quaint silver and other

appointments, suggestive of old St. Louis days.

Mrs. Neville's scheme of decoration followed out a lovely color tone of blue, wonderfully effective and most artistic, since it also followed out the very charming color tone of her drawing room.

The hostess herself was a most effective study in blue, wearing a gown of pale blue chiffon over blue messaline. The costume was set off with blue ribbon arranged in her coronet effect, the whole representing a very lovely and most becoming costume.

Mrs. Neville usually wears brown in many shades, and yellows—one can wear better combinations of these colors—and the blue tones in her costume of yesterday adds another color scheme for her gowns, attractive and becoming.

There were eight tables arranged for the game of the afternoon, and the score cards were exceedingly unique and attractive, designed in water colors and carrying the monogram of the hostess.

The prizes were very handsome—compos of gold cut glass in exceedingly attractive designs.

Mrs. Neville's guest list included friends from Berkeley and San Francisco, as well as from Oakland, and among the guests were in evidence many most attractive costumes.

Mrs. Frederick Stolp looked exceedingly handsome in a gown showing one of the new shades of vivid blue. It was trimmed in Persian effects and cut low in the neck, in the becoming new Dutch fashion for afternoon gowns, and the costume was completed by a wide hat, in vivid blue to match the gown.

Mrs. Willard Williamson was a stunning study in black. Her gown of satin showed the hobble effect and the corage had the wide sailor collar that one sees on ultra fashionable gowns. Her large black hat was trimmed with an elaborate willow plume, in deep violet tones, the whole completing an elaborate and fascinating study.

Mrs. Jones of Piedmont wore a gown of pale blue tones, with an overdress of white lace, showing the shimmering, iridescent effect now so much sought for in imported gowns. The large black hat was elaborately trimmed in bird of paradise feathers. Mrs. John E. Connors was gowned in heavy white broadcloth, the dress beautifully appliqued in rare designs. A very becoming lace coat added to the effect of the gown, and a becoming hat, in tones of blue, completed a very artistic costume.

Mrs. Charles E. Parcells wore a gown in tones of black, the costume set off with a becoming hat, showing Persian effects. The hat was of black, trimmed with superb plumes in pale violet tones.

Mrs. Charles Cobb (Marietta Snell)

wore a tulle gown, an effective study in blue, and set off with a hat in tones of blue.

Mrs. Allender was gowned in black velvet, the hat also in tones of black to match the gown.

Mrs. George Gross is one of the most stunning of the younger matrons, and with her cheerful optimistic disposition one of the most welcome of guests. Mrs. Gross was gowned in black satin, trimmed in Persian effects, and her hat was superbly trimmed in black willow plumes.

Mrs. Charles Butters' gown a blue messaline was beautifully trimmed in lace, and the hat to match the gown carried a long willow plume, also in tones of blue.

Mrs. P. W. Henshaw wore a Persian gown of white lace, and her ornaments were diamonds. The long chair of diamonds which Mrs. Henshaw so often wears sets off her costume in a wonderful manner.

Pretty Mrs. Wilhelm of Piedmont was gowned in black velvet, with a wide but of black velvet to match the gown.

Mrs. Neville was assisted in receiving her guests by her sister who was most attractively gowned in pink chiffon, the corsage very effectively trimmed in lace.

Mrs. Neville is planning a series of bridge afternoons which she will give this season, entertaining her friends most hospitably in her Claremont home.

MISS STONE TO ENTERTAIN AT FAIRMONT.

Miss Jennie Stone will entertain next Monday evening at a very elaborate dinner at the Fairmont. Her guest of honor will be her niece, Miss Hurlie Stone, and after the dinner Miss Stone will chaperon her young guests to the opera, when the famous Tetrastini will make her reappearance in San Francisco.

THE SUBJECT OF CLOTHES.

The subject of clothes is always an interesting one, and never before have afternoon gowns been so elaborate. They are very dangerous near the mark we have always set for evening gowns, for many of the afternoon reception gowns have very low necks, with a great trimming of lace. There was a time when the woman of fashion wore her jewels, especially her diamonds, only in the evening, but this season one sees women of fashion, whose costumes are ablaze with diamonds. Some rare and wonderful jewels are owned by Mrs. Frank C. Havens, Mrs. A. A. Moore Jr., Mrs. William G. Henshaw, Mrs. Wickham Havens, Mrs. J. J. Lott Oliver and Mrs. F. M. Smith.

But while many of the gowns are wonderfully expensive they are also most artistic.

The belle of Washington society is acknowledged to be Miss Gladys Henshaw. She is a friend of Miss Helen Taft's, and at a recent tea for Miss Taft Miss Henshaw wore a gown of deep blue velvet, with a pale blue velvet hat. With this beautiful costume she wore a \$2000 tiger skin coat.

Many of the girls across the bay are wearing velvet gowns this season, the effect, with the new tulle, being exceedingly good. Miss Anna Peters, the pretty belle from Stockton, who has so many friends on our side of the bay, is wearing an exceedingly attractive gown of black velvet. It is trimmed with large Louis XVI revers and collars, in King's blue broadcloth and is very picturesque and artistic.

Mrs. Howard Hamilton Hart of Claremont, who presided over the largest luncheon of the season in San Francisco, wore a very handsome gown of beautiful lace, made over pale yellow satin. The lace for the gown was made in Japan, and the embroidery was rare and lovely French handwork. With this beautiful gown Mrs. Hart wore diamond and topaz jewelry.

And—perish the thought—one hears that Paris is making up her mind to go into plaid skirts and Eton jackets at the first of the year! One hears that Paris has been wearing the tight skirts and short coats since last May, and so Parisians are tired of them.

For we in America were really "late at the fair" when we came to the matter of clothes this year. Paris executed an about-face in clothes when our backs were turned. There seems to be little doubt that she caught us napping. Americans will not forgive their buyers soon for that little affair of the plaid skirt and the long coat. There were many other things added to these that made the American woman peevish, for she considers that the vast amount of money she spends on clothes each year entitles her to fore-knowledge on this subject.

She has been compelled to have her late spring suit cut into cash and made over, or utterly discarded, when September approached. And this is hard lines. She doesn't quite know who is to blame the most—Paris or the American buyers—but she is decidedly upset, and she has given warning that she doesn't want it to happen again.

Those of our friends who have just returned from Paris say it is "pretty tolerably certain" (could any phrase be more inoffensive) that there will be a return of the Eton jacket.

And apropos of gowns, it might be remarked that the leading modistes abroad show gray as a dominant color. Ellen Terry wore a most fascinating gray gown in her recent ap-

pearance here, and with it she wore gray chrysanthemums. For the color of one of the newest chrysanthemums is a delicate, soft-toned gray. Gray is also the color for all the new effects in stationery, invitations, and even calling cards being printed on a background of exquisitely toned gray effects.

MRS. DAY TO GIVE A TEA.

Mrs. Frederick Ravnsford Day, wife of Major Day of Fort Mason, has sent out cards for a tea at which she will entertain many friends on Wednesday afternoon, December 14th, from three to five o'clock. The Days have a most picturesque home at Fort Mason, and Mrs. Day, who has traveled far, is a very accomplished hostess. Her guests of honor on Wednesday afternoon will be Mrs. Bliss and her daughter, Miss Bliss.

Mrs. Tasker Bliss is the wife of the general commanding the Department of California, and she is being extensively entertained across the bay. Mrs. Day, who is well known in California, has included many Oakland friends in her invitations for next Wednesday afternoon.

ENTERTAINING ON A LARGE SCALE.

It is the day in America of large things, of great undertakings, the Panama Canal leading the way. And so it is also the day of entertaining on a large scale. Early this year Mrs. Frank C. Havens led the way giving one of the most elaborate dances of the year on the Coast. The superb supper scene will be long remembered by those fortunate enough to have been Mrs. Havens' happy guests.

Mrs. Wickham Havens is planning a bridge afternoon on a most elaborate scale. One hears that her new drawing-room is sixty feet in length, so no wonder she can entertain 300 guests at once. It will make a superb picture.

Mrs. Howard Hamilton Hart of Claremont was the hostess at a luncheon at one of the most elaborate luncheons ever given in San Francisco, entertaining 165 guests in the large white and gold ball room at the Fairmont.

The Harts have recently taken possession of the superb new home on the Claremont heights. It is one of the most magnificent marine views in the world, and the home is one of the finest suburban mansions in the State. The Harts have traveled extensively, and they recently returned from a tour of the world, bringing for their new home many wonderful

works of art, such as one may find only in the Old World.

Mrs. Hart has traveled far, and is an ideal hostess, a woman of rare culture and one who will weave very hospitable traditions into the history of this beautiful new home on the Claremont hills.

Mrs. Hart's luncheon was planned along exceedingly clever lines. She is a very bright writer and has a most charming personality, and the poem she wrote to welcome her guests was a delightful bit of literature. She called her luncheon "a celebration in honor of the exposition," and not in many years has San Francisco seen such wonderful decorations.

Each table represented some nation, and there were French, English, German, Japanese, Chinese, Egyptian and other tables and the effect was wonderfully fine, making a most remarkable picture.

Mrs. Hart's own table was the "San Francisco table," showing in miniature Market street and the Ferry Building.

Next in order was the Panama-Pacific table, where one saw the canal completed, with the many ships of all nations sailing through. It was planned in a most wonderful manner and the place-cards were pictures of aeroplanes admirably done in water colors.

On the Egyptian table the color scheme was also specially good, for one saw the colors of the desert scheme, with the pyramids outlined in the distance.

The French table was exceedingly dainty in its rare appointments. Pale pastel shades marked the beautiful color scheme, and the place-cards were lovely French court ladies, sketches of whom were effectively done in water colors.

The Mexican table was a very gorgeous color scheme in yellow and red, the latter worked out with splendid poinsettias.

On the Japanese table were superb Japanese vases, brought from Japan by the Harts.

The dragon flag floated over the Chinese table, and the Chinese color scheme was effectively carried out in yellow chrysanthemums.

The South Sea Island table reminded one of Samoa, the beloved land of the late Robert Louis Stevenson. For here were Hula brown-skinned natives in canoes, drifting down a stream, surrounded with palms and other tropical plants.

San Francisco has never seen a scheme of decoration so entirely original, nor so very unique in every



MISS ELEANOR PARKER, the eastern guest, who will be complimented at Mrs. E. A. Heron's bridge party next week. —Webster, Photo.

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MISS ILMA CHASE, who will entertain frequently during the next few months. —Schars, Photo.



way. And it was wonderfully successful.

An elaborate menu was served, and the luncheon was followed by a game of bridge, for which the hostess had provided very beautiful prizes.

Cardenasso, the well-known artist, has been painting some very beautiful pictures this year, among them lovely scenic effects in Alameda and Marin counties.

Some of them were purchased by Mrs. Hart for her bridge prizes, among them a beautiful painting of Mount Tamalpais rising from behind a bank of low-hanging silver fog.

Mrs. Hart is to be congratulated on the success of her most interesting luncheon, and on the clever planning for it, which gave such unique and most picturesque results.

AFTERNOON TEA IS IN FAVOR.

The afternoon tea — "the four o'clock" — is steadily forging in favor in New York, where the smart set takes its keynote from Paris and London. Everyone takes a cup of tea in the late afternoon in Paris, which has copied the custom from the old well-established London convention. And, indeed, of Paris one reads:

"It was enough for tea to arrive in Paris with an English accent to unchain a gastronomical revolution, and to install itself soon as master at all five o'clock functions of the capital. Chocolate was compelled to be satisfied with a second-rate role."

"The four o'clock tea now rages with an intensity that seems to have reached its highest point. Without counting the numerous places of which tea is the specialty, there is a creamery, a bar, a pastry cook's, a candy shop, a hotel, a lecture room, a charity bazaar, a big department store, a flower show, an exhibition of paintings, an aviation exhibit where tea is not demanded. Tea flows everywhere in amber or milky floods. Introduced by women, like so many other things, tea is at present, if I may be permitted to say so, the pivot of society's day. All that happens, they used to be.

all that is said in Paris, between 3 and 7, is said 'over the tea cups.' Tea is no longer tasted in solitude and silence. It is no longer drunk—it is absorbed, poured down in the heart of the social life of the day."

And the description also fits New York. And in our own neighborhood one has only to look in at the Fairmont, the St. Francis, the Fairmont at our own Women's Exchange, to see what a hold the four o'clock is getting upon us, and we are to be congratulated, for where could one find a more wholesome, a more inspiring beverage than a cup of tea? And happy are the friends of a woman who knows how to make a good cup of tea, and to serve it properly. In English social life all women know how to make a good cup of tea. The hostess prefers to make it in her own drawing-room, then she is sure that the cup of tea which she offers her guests is of the very latest brew. There are homes here where it seems the easiest matter in the world for the hostess to offer you a cup of tea. And there is something about the hour "over the tea cups" that conduces to true hospitality—to real sociability. And it means that men are more often in evidence at social affairs in the afternoon than they used to be.

In the English smart set men are to be seen as a matter of course at luncheons and afternoon receptions. There is a leisure class in London, Paris and Vienna, even though the men work harder, perhaps, than many of our Americans. The women's luncheon as it exists in America is unknown in England. In our own country men are taking much more interest in social life; they are invited to our afternoon receptions, and many of them are finding time to accept. "The four o'clock," the cup of afternoon tea, has led the way, and the men will be all the better for the time they take off from business cares.

MAKING THEIR OWN CHRISTMAS GIFTS.

Many of the younger matrons and young girls are this year making their own Christmas gifts, dainty handwork representing one's holiday thought for a friend.

Miss Helen Taft, the President's daughter, embroiders her own collars, and says so with much pride. Miss Lucy Hinkley, the belle of Washington, embroiders her own slippers, and has designed a pair for each of her new gowns, and dainty slippers bid fair to find their way to the homes of her friends at Christmas.

A informal sewing bees, one is much interested in the exquisite embroidery, and in the dainty handwork accomplished by many of our well-known girls. Among them one might

mention Miss Charlotte Hall, Mrs. William Childs, Miss Christine English, Miss Irene Bangs, Miss Carmen Sutton, Miss Jessie Craig, Miss Norma Castle, Miss Anita Thomas, Mrs. Thomas Knowles, Miss Rose Kales, Miss Ruth Hall, Mrs. Hiram Hall, Mrs. Frederick Snowden, Miss Gladys Brigham, Miss May Coogan, Miss Knowles, Miss Clarice Lohr, Miss Hazel Layman.

McNEARS TO BE AT HOME.

Mr. and Mrs. George W. McNear Jr. and Miss Ernestine McNear will be "at home" on Saturday, the 17th of December, from four until seven o'clock. They will receive their friends at the Claremont Country Club.

The McNears have moved into their home at Piedmont, which has recently been enlarged and reconstructed in a most artistic fashion. But the house is not large enough in which to entertain the many guests that have been invited in honor of the coming out of the eldest daughter of the household, charming Ernestine McNear.

All the daughters of the late Mrs. Tucker inherited from her much charm of manner, beauty of feature and kindness of heart. Mr. Tucker had exceedingly good social measurements. Of good family he is, and he loved her friends for their character values.

And Miss McNear is said to resemble her grandmother very much, and she inherits the beautiful characteristics of her family. She has always been a good student, and she has had exceptional advantage in the Gamble School at Santa Barbara, at Farmington, Maine, and abroad.

A large receiving party will assist the McNears in entertaining their

MISS A. B. SCOTT, who is feted on both sides of the bay. —Brugiere, Photo.

friends, and the circle of relatives is a large one, including the Seward McNears, the John McNears, the Fred McNears (Miss Hopkins), the Edward Lacey Braxtons, the A. S. Macdonalds, the P. E. Bowles, the Misses Detrick. The McNears have also a wide circle of friends in the many cities around the bay, so the reception they will give at the Country Club for their daughter next Saturday will represent probably one of the most elaborate social dates planned for the winter in Oakland.

MISS TAFT SENDS OUT CARDS.

Miss Christie Taft has sent out cards for next week, and she will entertain at a tea in honor of Mrs. George Whitney, a charming young Eastern bride.

Mr. and Mrs. George Whitney are to make their home in Oakland, and Miss Taft has arranged the tea that many of her young friends may meet this delightful young matron.

The Taft home is admirably adapted for entertaining, and many delightful gatherings in the past have been held there.

Mrs. Taft understands how to aid her daughters in making their young guests welcome, and Mrs. Max Taft can always be trusted to make things bright; there is nothing like a cheerful, optimistic spirit to make the social hour successful.

Miss Christie Taft is an exceedingly fine girl. She has traveled so much and studied so well that she is one of the most cultured girls in our social set, and one of the most popular.

DANCING CLUB HOLDS A MEETING.

The Derrmer Crl Dancing Club gave the second in its series of dances at the Country Club last evening, and because of the many guests for the first tournament a brilliant dance was planned. Very few girls belong to the club, it having been organized mostly for the younger matrons. Christmas greens and holly berries are everywhere in evidence at the Country Club, and they will constitute lovely holiday decorations for the dance.

Among those who are represented at the "Derrmer Crl" dances are Mr. and Mrs. William Thornton White, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Knowles, Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Baneome, Captain and Mrs. Minor Goodall, Miss Florine

Brown, Mrs. Everts, Mr. and Mrs. George McNear, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Knight, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Knowles, Miss Kales, Miss Schilling, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Parcells, Mr. and Mrs. William Pringle, Mr. and Mrs. Mark Requa, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Knight, Mr. and Mrs. Bockquaz, Mr. and Mrs. Dieckmann, Mr. and Mrs. Brayton.

Different hostesses are scheduled for each dance of Le Dernier Crl, and the hostesses this week were Mrs. Frank Proctor, Mrs. Wickham Havens, Mrs. James McFitt, Mrs. Harry Chickering, Mrs. Leon Bockquaz, Mrs. John Valentine Jr., Mrs. Charles Miner Goodall, Mrs. Harry Knowles, Mrs. Dan Belien, Miss Mollie Mathes, Miss Johanna Volkmann, Miss Elise Schilling.

Mrs. and Mrs. THOS. KNOWLES IN NEW HOME.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Knowles are now comfortably established in their cozy home in Palm avenue, where their friends will always find a special welcome.

Mrs. Knowles (Ruth Kales) is one of the most popular brides of the year, and one of the most charming of the younger matrons. One hears that her new home is most artistic, made beautiful by the fine perceptions of this dear little home-keeper, and by the lovely wedding gifts, which brought the affection and good wishes of so many friends.

SOCIAL DATES IN NEXT WEEK.

Next week will be a very busy one, for there are more than the usual number of social dates, and there are, of course, underlying everything, one's Christmas preparations. So the calendar for the week looms large in its social dates.

On Tuesday, there is a very interesting meeting at the Club "Club," and on Tuesday also Mrs. E. A. Heron is to be the guestess at a large bridge party.

On Wednesday Mrs. Frederick A. Stolp will receive her friends at a tea at her home on Vernon Heights.

Mrs. Christie Taft will receive her friends at a tea at her home on Harrison street, complimenting Mrs. George William Whitney.

Mrs. E. A. Heron will entertain again at bridge, this time in honor of her niece, Miss Elinor Parker. Mrs. Frederick Raynford Day will

entertain at Fort Mason in honor of Mrs. Tasker Bliss and Miss Bliss. On Thursday Mrs. Wickham Havens is to entertain at one of the largest bridge parties of the year at her home in Piedmont.

On Saturday Mr. and Mrs. George McNear will entertain at the Claremont Country Club at one of the most notable receptions of the winter.

And so the society chronicles represent a very real, very normal, very simple phase of life. Frederick Town, send Martin, who moves in the most exclusive social sets of New York and London, recently began writing a book on society as he saw it. He now announces that he has undertaken a very difficult task, because, as he expressed it, "the subject was so simple that it was difficult to treat of it in an entertaining manner."

The society woman's time is well occupied, that is sure. Our many days are very full of activities, and the social world rolls happily on its way.

PICTURES IN THE MIRROR.

Miss Eleanor Parker, whose picture appears in today's Meddler, is to be the complimented guest on Tuesday, December 13, when Mrs. E. A. Heron will give a large and elaborate bridge party. On the 14th of December Mrs. Heron will give a similar bridge party for the younger local society maids, at which Miss Parker will again be honored.

She is a niece of Mrs. Heron's and is well known here where she frequently visits although her home is in the east.

Mrs. Elliott B. Davis left for the east a week ago where she will be extensively entertained. She is at present in Baltimore, and is planning to return in time for Christmas Day.

Miss Ilma Chase is one of the best known girls in this city and is a frequent hostess to the girls of the younger set.

Miss A. B. Scott is one of the most attractive of the belles about the bay, and is entertained extensively in San Francisco, Oakland and the College town.

GAY WEEK, IN SPITE OF CHRISTMAS SHOPPING.

It has been a gay week across the bay, in spite of the Christmas shopping.

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MRS CLARK WINS

After playing twenty two holes to a tie Mrs. Clark won over Mrs. H. H. Sherwood in the twenty third hole by a margin of two up and one to play. Most of the credit of this match must be given

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New York Central Settles Case Out of Court for Death of Banker.

NEW YORK, Dec. 10.—Announcement is made here that the New York Central railroad has settled out of court with the estate of Spencer Trask, the New York banker, for the damages resulting from his death in a railroad accident near Croton, N. Y., a year ago. The amount which the railroad will pay is \$60,000. This is one of the largest settlements ever made in a case of this kind.

The accident in which Mr. Trask was killed occurred on the morning before New Year's day, 1910. He was in the rear car of the Montreal Express, which got to the point of collision when a fast freight train came into the express. He was instantly killed.

Mr. Trask had financed some of the largest industrial enterprises in the country and had supplied money for the construction of many electric railways. He was widely known for his beneficence.

SHERIFF SAVES LIFE BY GRASPING HOSE

RENO, Dec. 10.—A concealed shaft seven feet in depth and nearly filled with water nearly engulfed the sheriff of the county of Virginia, City. Sheriff Daniel Morgan jumped from his office with the department was called to the Comstock Golden Gate mine. As the hose was being lowered, the sheriff, who was standing on a plank over the shaft, was nearly killed. He was rescued by grasping the hose.

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STANDARDIZATION OF FRUITS IS DEMANDED

Orchardists Find That Their Trade With the Foreign Markets of the World Is Imperiled

STOCKTON, Dec. 10.—That the fruit growers of California are distrustful of too much politics in the regulation of their affairs was made evident when a resolution, introduced in the convention here, calling for state legislation to enforce the standardization of fruit brought forth such a vigorous protest that it was finally withdrawn. The resolution was a series of resolutions offered by George D. Kello of Placer county to the state fruit convention.

STANDARDIZATION OF FRUIT.

A resolution looking to the standardization of dried fruit was passed as the result of a letter read by President J. W. Jeffrey, received from Holland. It asserted that the importers of that country were looking to other places for their dried fruits, as the shipments from California had of late years been far inferior to the samples furnished.

RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED.

The convention adopted the following resolutions: Resolved, by this thirty-eighth session of the California Fruit Growers' convention, that we most heartily commend the activities of our state commissioner of horticulture, J. W. Jeffrey, during the past year in holding county conventions of fruit growers and shippers in all sections of the state, stimulating and assisting in the standardization of our fruit for the markets of the world.

Resolved, that the convention of the United States, at once to take such action in amending our quarantine laws, state and national, respectively, as will most surely prevent the introduction of any of the forms of the fly through the personal baggage of travelers from Hawaii or the Philippines, or by baggage in overland trains from Mexico.

PARCELS POST.

Resolved, that this convention of California Fruit Growers, assembled in Stockton, this 9th day of December, 1910, hereby calls on our senators and congressmen to further such legislation as is necessary to the institution of an up-to-date parcels post, commensurate with the needs of the state.

PROTECTIVE LEGISLATION.

Resolved, that the chairman appoint a legislative committee of five, whose duty it shall be to prepare and present to the legislature a bill sufficiently comprehensive in its provisions to embrace all necessary legislation for the control and eradication of all injurious insects and all diseases infecting nursery stock or other trees, and also provide for the eradication of all noxious weeds should further legislation be found to be necessary.

ANTI-MOSQUITO LEAGUE.

Whereas, malaria has existed in several districts of California, and Whereas, practical methods of eliminating this pestiferous insect have not been established; therefore be it resolved, that this convention endorse the work of the California Anti-Mosquito League and pledge its support to an active campaign for the complete eradication of mosquitoes from this state.

STUDY OF AGRICULTURE.

Believing that the fundamental requirements of all education are to equip the citizen to enable him not only to make a better livelihood, but to develop the best in our state and nation, and feeling that the study of agriculture and horticulture are not given due consideration in the course of study of our public school system, and further maintaining that these occupations are the basis of the rural life in this state, the members of the thirty-eighth annual Fruit Growers' convention, assembled at Stockton, this 9th day of December, 1910, do resolve as follows:

That the members of our next legislature be urged and influenced by every possible and honorable means and that they be requested to make laws necessary to cover the following points: First, That the study of agriculture and horticulture be made a basal part of the regular course of study in the rural districts of this state.

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WHEELMEN'S CLUB TO GIVE BOXING EVENING

Antone La Grave May Be Matched With Charlie Norvall as the Feature Event



The action of the grand jury causes the Wheelmen to announce a lay off in the promotion of the boxing shows that have been offering the public until such time as the next meeting of the State legislature had determined the legality of the sport. In other and plainer words the club management had determined

WILL STAGE AFFAIR.

The statement as given out by Foreman F. W. Searby the other evening has given the members of the club confidence and they will stage their contests as usual. The directors of the club gave

"It was just this way," said one of the members of the board, "we are striving to get along and have the hope of some day giving Oakland a club that she may be proud of and we need the little revenue we get from the boxing nights, even though it has been exceedingly small of late. There is no intention on our part of conflict with the authorities."

county officials, however, and when it was announced that boxing was to be placed under the ban we determined to abide by the decision of the law-makers until such time as the thing was settled.

"This club wants to have nothing to do with anything that is not wholly legal and entirely within the law. We believe our boxing shows are and for this reason determined to continue without them from now on."

BAD SEASON FOR MILL

The club will have an extremely hard time selecting a date for their show this month for with the holidays so close would seem that the club will have a hard time getting a full house. The opening of the stores in the evening would mean the working of so many of the patrons of the game that while the club

If the show can be put on next week (just after Christmas, however, and I

"Confidence is half the battle," said Louie Riot this morning, "and although I may be mistaken regarding the weather conditions of next Saturday I am confident that we will have a good day for the boxing I am to stage in my open arena. I built it last June and this is the first chance I have had to use it. Bad luck has been following me for some time."

the time and I feel that the time for turning has come. I know we will have good weather."

way and we certainly hope that the turning point in his career has come. Confidence may not bluff the guardian of the rain drops but it will at least insure the patrons of the game better accommodations for Blot will make every effort to make a good showing in the matter of handling the crowd at his arena the first time he has had a chance and it is

GOOD HOUSE ASSURED.

The match between Hogan and Fray is an exceptionally good one and has

caught the public favor to the extent that the men are sure to show to a good house. Frayne will be the real tryout for Hogan, who is making his first start among the first raters, and the fans always show great interest in the first contests a youngster has. This especially applies to a boxer who is at a sensational in his work and Hogan is a man that the fans could ask for in this regard.

Betting on the contest still remains even money. Betting Commissioner Tom Corbett announced last night that the bottles imbued with the spirit of the

that from the present indications would be hard to predict which of the two boxes would be the first choice. The information is to the effect that the money at present coming in about the races and if this is the case when the men enter the ring they will sell

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